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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Josef Otto RETTENMAIER  
Title: ANCILLARY FILTERING AGENT  
Appl. No.: 09/380,731  
Filing Date: 09/13/1999  
Examiner: S. Kim  
Art Unit: 1723

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the final Office Action dated October 31, 2001, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Please amend the application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please add new claims 36 and 37 as follows:

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36. (New) Filter aid for use in forming a prefloat filter layer for filtration of liquids comprising finely divided wood particles which have been subjected to a chemical liquid treatment that removes sensorially active substances therefrom, wherein the wood particles are subjected to a treatment with a dilute alkali solution at a temperature below 100 °C and at atmospheric pressure, to a degree sufficient to remove the sensorially active substances from the wood particles and leave the wood particles as wood particles.

37. (New) Filter aid according to claim 36, wherein a mean particle dimension is below 3.0 mm.

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**TRANSMITTAL**

Commissioner for Patents  
Box RCE  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

- ☐ Please enter and consider the amendment/reply previously filed on \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on \_\_\_\_ but not considered.
- ☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_.

b. Enclosed are:

- ☒ Amendment/Reply.

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- ☒ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ Form PTO-1449 with copies of \_\_\_ listed reference(s).
- ☐ Other .

## Miscellaneous:

- ☐ Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e)				\$740.00	\$740.00
Total Claims:	31	29	= 2	x \$18.00	= \$36.00
Independents:	2	3	= 0	x \$84.00	= \$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:			+	\$280.00	= \$0.00
CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:					= \$776.00

☒ Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

<input type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$110.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$400.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$920.00	\$0.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$1,960.00	\$0.00
EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:		\$1,440.00
CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:		\$2,216.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):		\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)		\$0.00
TOTAL FEE:		\$2,216.00

☒ A check in the amount of \$2,216.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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